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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

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Estimated Civil Population July 1st 1916	7,046
Estimated total Population July 1st 1916	7,666
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Acreage of Township	3,264
Density of Population per acre	2.33

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Annual Birth Rate	17.84
Annual Death Rate	13.16
Excess of Births over Deaths	46
Deaths from Zymotic Disease	12
Zymotic Death Rate (excluding Tuberculosis)	0.43
Deaths in infants under one year	16
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Illegitimate Births	5
Illegitimate Deaths under one year	3

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The present estimated Civil Population is less by 209 than that of 1916 while the total estimated population is 45 less.

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DEATHS. These show a decrease of 5 over 1916, the rate being 13.16 against 13.48 Of the 90 deaths recorded 15 occurred outside the Township of persons belonging to Standish of which 13 were in Institutions and are as follows: Wigan Infirmary 9, Wigan Union Workhouse 2, County Asylum, Wittingham 1, Lancaster Asylum, Prestwich 1, other deaths 2, total 15. There were two deaths of non-residents registered in the district and both were transferred to Wigan. Two of the deaths were uncertified.

INFANTILE DEATHS. Sixteen deaths occurred in infants under one year of age, being a decrease of one for the preceding year and 10 in 1915, giving a mortality rate of 117.64 per 1,000 births. Five were due to premature birth all of which died during the first two weeks of life. The causes of the other deaths being Tubercular Meningitis 1, Pneumonia 4, Dentition and Convulsions 3, and one each to Laryngitis, Dermatitis and Encephalitis. I am please to report that the Lancashire County Council in November last appointed a Lady Health Visitor for Standish and some of the neighbouring townships and I feel sure good results will follow and many young lives will thus be saved. Her work already is bearing fruit and here advice much appreciated by the mothers.

The deaths from all causes were as follows:- Enteric Fever 1, Whooping Cough 1, Croup 1, Influenza 1, Phthisis (Pulmonary tuberculosis) 7, Tubercular Meningitis 1, other Tubercular disease 1, Cancer, malignant disease 5, Rheumatic Fever 1, Heart Disease 4, Bronchitis 4, Pneumonia (all forms) 22, other diseases of Respiratory organs 2,

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ZYMOTIC DISEASES AND DEATHS. The number of cases under this heading were 164 against 486 in the previous year, the large decrease of 322 being very gratifying. Of the 164 cases notified 103 were due to Measles and German Measles, 14 to Scarlet Fever, 8 to Enteric Fever, 3 to Diphtheria and Croup, 2 to Ophthalmia Neonatorium, 12 to Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 9 to other forms of Tuberculosis, 9 to Erysipelas, and 1 to Cerebro-spinal Fever. Six cases of Enteric Fever and one of Cerebro-spinal fever were removed to the Whelley Sanatorium for treatment and I am pleased to report all recovered. The only case of Enteric Fever which proved fatal was not removed. The Council will readily see from the above the importance of Enteric Cases being removed to an Isolation Hospital. Everything points to recovery being facilitated and at the same time the risk of infection to other members of the household is considerably minimised. The deaths from Infectious diseases numbered 12 from the following causes: Enteric Fever 1, Croup 1, Pulmonary Tuberculosis 7, other forms of tuberculosis 2, and whooping cough 1. The deaths from Tuberculosis show an increase of 3 over 1915. One case was sent to the Sanatorium for treatment. The Zymotic death rate is 0.43 compared with 2.55 for last year.

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Scarlet Fever. Particulars with regard to School attendance are as follows:-

Number attending Elementary Schools (details below)		8
" not commenced at school		5
" above school age		1
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Enteric Fever. As suggested by the County Medical Officer the privy middens at all houses where cases of Enteric Fever have occurred during the last four years have during the summer months been emptied weekly. According to your instructions I informed the Medical Officer of Health for Banks near Southport respecting some cockles sold to a family in Standish, one of whom afterwards developed Enteric Fever. Enquiries were made but with no definite result.

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Slaughter houses. Only four of the seven licensed slaughter-houses have been used. These have been regularly inspected and found satisfactory.

New Buildings. Only one plan (for two bed-rooms and two bath-rooms) has been submitted. This was approved but the work was not proceeded with. No new dwelling houses have been erected.

Nuisances. Sixty-one were found and verbal notices given. All are abated. Thirty houses have been disinfected after infectious disease.

Overcrowding. One overcrowding nuisance came to my notice and shortly afterwards was abated.

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